

## POLITICAL MELANGE

Fearful lest he may lose his position as United States attorney and the emoluments of the office, Joe Lippman, manager of the Tribune, now seeks to form an alliance with the Republicans and combine the "American" party with the regular organization. This movement on the part of Foxy Joe has been in embryo for some time, but no definite steps have been taken until recently, when emissaries from the Tribune office were sent out to "sound" several leaders of the Republican organizations on the subject.

So far as can be ascertained, nothing satisfactory was received from the Republicans, and therefore no announcements can be made.

Joe had decided that to nominate an "American" ticket, independent of the regular tickets, might divert enough votes from the Republicans to enable the Democrats to win. This, in the face of such an overwhelming victory as was won last fall, would be sufficient to convince the authorities at Washington that treachery existed in the Republican camp, and they would naturally inquire who was the traitor. Any sort of investigation would reveal perfidy on the part of Lippman, and his ally, Kearns, in the Tribune office and the blame would at once be charged to them, with the result that Joe's official head would adorn the basket beneath the official guillotine in very short order. And that is the very last thing Joe wants, for that \$4,000 per annum looks good to him. Joe is going to have a serious time hanging on under present conditions, without doing anything additional to aggravate his case. The assaults made by the Tribune upon Commissioner Richards, of the general land office, have been such as to call the attention of the president to the fact that Joe is knifing the administration whenever he gets a chance, and the administration is not going to stand for that sort of thing very long.

As to whether such a scheme would have a good effect or not is to be determined, but several Democrats who have been inclined toward voting the "American" party ticket, if one is nominated, have been heard to say that no such scheme to herd them into the ranks of the Republican party will work; that if there is any consolidation, they will go back to the Democratic party and do the best they can to elect the ticket. On the other hand such a movement may anger a lot of regular Republicans, who may hesitate about casting their lot with such an alliance. Any way the only alliance the Tribune, the head of the

"American" party, would make would be such as would give that paper the city patronage. That's what it's after.

But Joe is busy just the same. Joe has got to light somewhere and he wants to light on his feet.

By the way: Here is a problem: If the "American" party and the Republican party should fuse what would become of former Senator Frank J. Cannon, Democrat? Would he again "get together and stay together?"

The Iron County Record contains the following:

"It is refreshing to learn that the Salt Lake Herald, which for the past two years has been a faint echo for the Salt Lake Tribune, is once more to have policies and aims of its own. This change of heart has been brought about by the ascension of Simon Bamberger to the editorial management. Bamberger, besides being an Israelite, is a Democrat and a pusher. The Herald and Tribune will no longer imbibe their lemonade through the same quill, and it may be that the Herald will win back some of its previous patronage. Already it is enjoying the publication of the notices of the Salt Lake municipality, and is saying things more or less detrimental to Tom Kearns and his push, showing that the ex-senator no longer owns and controls the democratic as well as the Republican (?) organ."

While the above is pertinent, it is awful to have the Herald alluded to as "It," as is so frequently done in the foregoing.

Lots of young Democrats are out working to secure the nomination for city recorder this fall for Ben D. Luce, to the exclusion of John S. McCune Critchlow, who wants to get back for another two years well earned rest. They claim that Critchlow has not attended to business until after being fired from Bamberger's coal office; that he appointed unknowns to office to the exclusion of party workers. If Ben Luce does enter the race Critchlow will have to go some, for Ben has a record for hustling while Critchlow is nothing more or less than a political accident.

Colonel Joe Geoghegan has a small boom for mayor stewing on the political stove. The colonel, however, is too busy reorganizing the national guard to be interviewed, so please do not annoy him.

If anyone should happen to ask you, just tell him Quincy Nichols is a can-

didate for the city council this fall. Quincy has yielded to the importunate solicitations of his many friends and will make a hustle for the place.

Frank Swenson has returned from the ranch, where he has been taking an outing. We make this announcement in order that all concerned may get out of the way and let the campaign proceed.

D. H. Peery, Democratic national committeeman from this state, has come home from Goldfield to straighten out some matters connected with the untimely Democracy, but has been indisposed from tonsillitis since his return and not in a condition to talk. Henry will be out in a few days, however, and then we look for someone to be sent in to dust off the furniture in the Young Men's Democratic club and get the desks ready for action.

Since the boom of Tom Black, for mayor, died a bornin' the eminent member from the Fifth has concluded that the four year term will be good enough for him.

And now the Herald claims it passed the franchise for the Light & Power company. There is just about the same foundation in fact for that statement as there would be for the Herald to claim that it assisted in the work alluded to in Genesis I-1.

The boom for John J. Thomas, as a candidate for council in the First to succeed Martin, seems to be progressing at quite a lively rate.

There is quite a boom on among the Republicans for the nomination of Dr. A. S. Bower for mayor. He is urged by some of the most influential members of the party and it is generally conceded he would be a very acceptable candidate.

The Democrats are playing politics by fomenting the already very strained relations between the straight Republicans and the "American" party. The quarrel is of course good for the Democrats, and they are trying to make the feeling as bitter as possible.

The politicians are all at sea as to how things are going to line up for the municipal election next November. The Democrats at this time claim to have the best prospects. They control the machinery; that is they have every department of the city government with practically all the employees; they have a million dollars to spend on water works, on which a small army of Democratic voters will be employed, and in addition they will have the cry that they are going to give the city the much needed addi-

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